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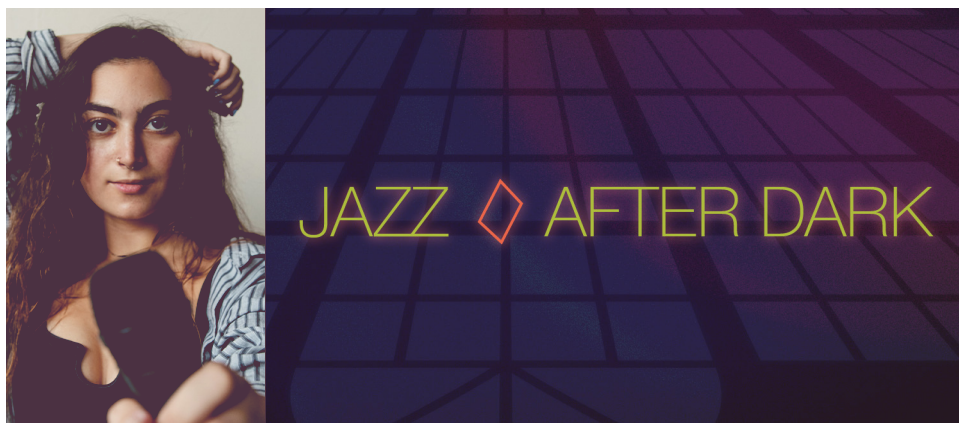
Our Mission

To enrich Hinsdaleans' lives with opportunities to learn, engage, discover and connect.



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library news + programs



Jammin' in the Stacks with Julia Danielle Quartet

Friday, Feb. 2, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Our popular after-hours partnership with WDCB is back! Julia Danielle was recently named the winner of the International Ella Fitzgerald Jazz Vocal Competition. Catch this acclaimed performer and her band at this free HPL After Dark event featuring drinks, refreshments, and of course live music. Please register to reserve your seat at this can't-miss concert—space is limited!



Celebrate Lunar New Year in Hinsdale!

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with us! We'll have crafts, games, food, and performances by elementary-age children focusing on Chinese New Year. *If your child wants to participate in this holiday performance, let us know at hinsdalelibrary.info/chinesenewyear.*

Then, the celebration continues throughout February! Don't miss other ways to celebrate the Lunar New Year around Hinsdale, including:

Multicultural Talent Show

Sunday, Feb. 18, 4:30–8:30 p.m.
at Hinsdale Central H.S.
Tea ceremony, food, & activities; show at 6:30

Lunar New Year Fair

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
at Hinsdale Covenant Church
Booths with art, crafts, food, tea, & talents

NEW! HPL Seed Library

Launches Feb. 17

Hinsdale Public Library is pleased to announce the launch of our new Seed Library! Come see our vast selection of flower, vegetable, and herb seeds available for “checkout” by HPL cardholders. Using our Seed Library is easy:



- **Step 1:** Browse our seed collection.
- **Step 2:** Select up to ten seed packets.
- **Step 3:** Check them out like any other library materials.
- **Step 4:** Plant your seeds and enjoy!
- **Step 5 (optional):** Save your seeds in late summer and return them to Library to use next spring.

Plan to attend our Saturday gardening classes to learn more:

- **Feb. 17:** Seed Starting: Give Your Garden a Head Start
- **Apr. 20:** Vegetable Gardening in Containers and Raised Beds
- **Aug. 10:** Seed Saving Basics: Harvesting This Year’s Seeds for Next Year’s Planting

We would like to thank the following companies for their generous seed donations: Vern Goers Greenhouse, West Coast Seeds, True Leaf Market, Bentley Seeds, Herman’s Garden Seeds, Seed Savers International, and Victory Seeds.

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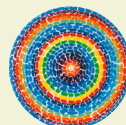
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Home is Where the Story Begins

Art Exhibit January–mid-March in Quiet Reading Room

Artist reception Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Rachel Weaver Rivera is a professional artist and mental health therapist. She is a frequent presenter on the connections between creativity, mental health, and learning. Rachel has taught art at organizations including the Kensington Arts Center in La Grange, the Hyde Park Art Center, the Evanston Art Center, Quinn Community Center in Maywood, and the John Michael Kohler Art Center in Sheboygan, WI. She is a member of the Oak Park and La Grange Art Leagues.

In Her Words:

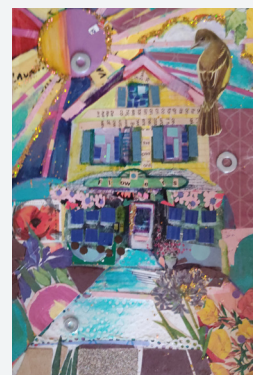
I grew up in Hinsdale between 1970 and 1977, and as fate and fortune would have it, in 2022, I had the opportunity to return.

It was no surprise to me that even after all these years, Hinsdale still feels like home. After moving back, as an artist, I found myself wanting to visually reflect on the places I remembered from my childhood. Additionally, I wanted to explore the idea of “coming home” and what the feeling of “being at home” truly means. I wondered how Hinsdale shaped who I have become.

In this show, I present my Hinsdale in a dual, ever-evolving context of then and now. I worked in the medium of phototransfer collage. My small intimate pieces and the layered process in which I created them are meant to evoke a feeling of preciousness and wistfulness about the passage of time.

ART @ HPL

Rachel Weaver Rivera



Top: Hinsdale Public Library, 8 x 12" mixed media photo transfer on wood, 2023.

Left: Hinsdale Starbucks, 8 x 12" mixed media photo transfer on wood, 2023. **Right:** Hinsdale Flower Shop, 8 x 12" mixed media photo transfer on wood, 2023.

Groups & Meetups

Library Edition Book Club

First Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m. **NEW TIME**

Join our Library Book Club to discuss bestsellers new and old.

- **Jan. 3:** *The Maid*, Nita Prose
- **Feb. 7:** *The Celebrants*, Steven Rowley
- **Mar. 6:** *The Women*, Kristin Hannah

NEW! Drop-In Writers' Lounge

Mondays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.; starts Jan. 8.

Commit to writing with others and find the accountability, focus, and structure you need to achieve your goals.

Next Chapter Book Club

Thursdays, Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22
6:30–7:30 p.m., ages 16+

This program is for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, regardless of verbal or reading skill.

New Moms Book Group

Third Tuesdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
at The Cube at Standard Market (Westmont)

Take some time for yourself to read a book and chat with other new moms!

- **Jan. 16:** *The Measure*, Nikki Erlick
- **Feb. 20:** *Yellowface*, R.F. Kuang

French Conversation Group

Tuesdays, Jan. 23 and Feb. 20; 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Guided by local French instructor Susan Boldrey, this group is for those who want to improve their French language skills or connect with other French speakers.

Hinsdale Memory Café

Wednesdays, Jan. 24 & Feb. 28, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Socialize and connect with individuals living with dementia and their care partners using prepared activities.

NEW! Needlecraft Night

Thursdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 8 & 22, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Bring your needlecraft project to work on, and enjoy some pleasant conversation with your fellow crafting enthusiasts!

NEW! Readers' Social Club

Monday, Feb. 5; 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Join our librarians for a fun afternoon of socializing, snacking, and sharing the books you've been reading.

Antiques Appraisal with Rex Newell

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Enjoy an "Antiques Roadshow" experience as a professional appraiser evaluates your collectibles! The first 30 people to register may bring one handheld item to be appraised.



VIRTUAL: Speculating our AI Future

Thursday, Jan. 11, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Sci-fi author, journalist, and activist Cory Doctorow; speculative fiction author Ken Liu; and sci-fi and fantasy writer Martha Wells will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts AI will have on our future at this virtual program.

Amazing Matcha: Celebrate National Hot Tea Month

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Learn how matcha is made, what makes it special, and the uses for its different grades. Taste matcha and explore ideas for at-home preparation with presenter Nicole Zimmermann.

United Foods of America: Stews and Chilis

Thursday, Jan. 18; 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Come in from the cold and warm up with a presentation on regional styles of chili, soup, and stew from across the country.

Clear the Clutter!

Saturday, Jan. 20, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Certified professional organizer Colleen Klimczak will teach us how to improve our lives and start the year off clutter-free!

Great Decisions

Fourth Wednesdays, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

This group meets to discuss topics that are current in the world news. 2024 guidebooks will be available in January.

- **Jan. 24:** Mideast realignment
- **Feb. 28:** Climate tech and competition

How to Use DNA in Genealogy Research

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Professional genealogist Caron Brennan will discuss the "why" and "how" of DNA testing for ethnicity and genealogy.

Crafternoon: Heart Painting on Canvas Using Negative Space

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 3:00–4:15 p.m.

Learn a simple and effective way to paint on canvas using negative space to create a Valentine's Day project.

VIRTUAL ENCORE: Beyond Hotels

Thursday, Feb. 1; 7:00–8:15 p.m.

If the idea of renting a private home for your next trip sounds appealing, learn the do's and don'ts of vacation rentals.

Mindful Movement: Reduce Stress & Increase Energy

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us for a session of gentle stretching and movement to reduce stress and increase energy, led by Westmont Body & Brain Yoga and Tai-Chi.

Get Ready for the Eclipse with the Adler Planetarium

Monday, Feb. 5; 7:00–8:00 p.m.

It's happening again! Another total solar eclipse will be visible from Hinsdale on April 8. Join the Adler Planetarium's Michelle Nichols to learn all about it and receive one pair of eclipse glasses!



VIRTUAL: Conversation with Jerry Craft

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Prepare to be transported into the world of bestselling author and illustrator Jerry Craft and learn about life, art, and telling your story during this virtual family event. He'll discuss his works and his journey to success, including a drawing demo!

Origami Basics

Monday, Feb. 12; 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of origami folding and complete four different origami projects.

Forgot that Password? Try Passkeys!

Thursday, Feb. 15; 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Learn all about passkeys, a new password-less login system jointly developed by Apple, Microsoft, and Google and offered by websites like Amazon, Home Depot, Uber, and Instacart.

Seed Starting: Give Your Garden a Head Start

Saturday, Feb. 17; 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join Illinois Master Gardener Joline to learn how to jump start your garden by starting seeds indoors.

Community
Speaker
Series

8 Setbacks That Can Make a Child a Success

Continuing the Conversation at HPL
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

A few weeks after the Jan. 31 Community Speaker Series event with Michelle Icard at the Community House, we'll discuss Icard's new book, *8 Setbacks That Can Make a Child a Success*. Copies will be available on our Book Club Holds shelf.

Coffee & Chocolate: The Perfect Pair

Saturday, Feb. 24; 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Former Starbucks Coffee Master Nicole Zimmermann will discuss the shared characteristics that make coffee and chocolate an excellent pair; we'll explore these qualities through tastings.

In the Belly of the Beast: King in Chicago

Wednesday, Feb. 28; 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Chicago historian, musician, and storyteller Clarence Goodman guides us through Martin Luther King Jr.'s work in Chicago from 1956 until his life's end.

Soup, Eggroll, Stir Fry, & Rice: Messages in Chinese Food

Thursday, Feb. 29, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join Yvonne Wolf from Chinese Intercultural to learn about the hidden messages in traditional Chinese dishes.



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programs online.

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New Year, New Vision Board!

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Create the vision board of your dreams for the new year!

NEW! East Asian Pop Culture Club

Fridays, Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Come talk about your favorite manhwa comics, danmei novels, anime shows, and anything else with others in the fandom! We'll enjoy snacks and choose which topic to focus on each meeting.

Teen Book Box

Register once to receive boxes on Jan. 12 & Feb. 9

Enjoy a pre-selected book from your genre of choice, and other bookish treats.

Sew a Book Bag

Monday, Jan. 22, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Learn how to sew a simple tote bag to carry your library books. All levels of sewing experience are welcome!

DIY Take Home Craft: Wooden Gnome Sign

Pick up Friday, Jan. 26

Welcome winter with your very own hand-painted gnome sign!

High School After Dark: Trivia Night

Friday, Jan. 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

HPL's Junior Advisory Board is hosting this friendly, competitive evening. We will provide snacks, drinks, and trivia from each decade during this after-hours high school event. Register as a single player or as a member of a team.

Practice ACT

Saturday, Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Maximize your test day scores by taking a practice ACT proctored by The Village Tutors. You will receive detailed results to help you prepare for the winter exams. Limited to high school students.

DIY Take Home Craft: Stitched Valentine Bird

Pick up Friday, Feb. 2

Stitch a sweet felt bird for yourself or someone you love.

Teen Game Time

Every Friday, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Take some time to unwind at Teen Game Time! Play the Nintendo Switch on the big screen or enjoy a classic board game.

High School Volunteer Opportunities

Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

Tuesdays through Thursdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Brief training session Jan. 12, 3:40 p.m.

We are looking for high school volunteers to serve as Homework Helpers and Reading Ambassadors for younger students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m. Interested? Scan the QR code to the right to complete the application.

Parents of kids K-8, learn more about this program on pg. 6!



Sign up to
volunteer!

Magnolia Senior Living Visit

Sunday, Jan. 21, 12:50–2:30 p.m.

Visit Magnolia Senior Living with us! We will join residents for crafts, activities, and games. Please arrive at the Library by 12:50 p.m., so we can walk to Magnolia together.



for kids of all ages



Registration opens:

December 18
for January programs

January 15
for February programs

Please register for these all-age events:

A Bluey Party—For Real Life!

Monday, Jan. 15, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Come to the Library and celebrate everyone's favorite dog from Down Under with activities and crafts inspired by Bluey, Bingo, Mum, and Dad.

S.T.E.A.M. Saturday

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Learn how art and science intersect by creating a piece of art using shaving cream and food dye. Dress for mess!

Bingo Boogie

Monday, Jan. 29, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Join us as we play a few rounds of book bingo and dance to our favorite tunes!

Field Trip to Hogsmeade

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Wingardium Leviosa! Are you a *Harry Potter* fan? Join us for a field trip to Hogsmeade—we'll have treats, crafts, and more. You won't want to miss this special Potter Party!

Take Home Craft: Colorful Collage Inspired by Artist Alma Thomas

Pick up Friday, Feb. 9

Celebrate Black History Month with a take home craft inspired by artist Alma Thomas.

Lunar Festival

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon! We'll have crafts, games, and performances by elementary-age children.



Fleece Blankets for Hinsdale Humane Society

Saturday, Feb. 24, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Spread the love by making fleece blankets for animals at the Hinsdale Humane Society. Come lend a paw!

Drop-In: No need to register for these events.

Maker Club

Thursdays, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

We'll have a variety of supplies out for you to create and use your imagination, as well as a different project to complete each week.

Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Donuts with Dad

Saturdays, Jan. 13 & Feb. 17, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

A time for dads to enjoy donuts, coffee, and spending time with their kids at the Library. Each month, there will be different activities!

Valentine Card Making

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Come create Valentines of all kinds for loved ones near and far!

Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

Tuesdays through Thursdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Students K-8 can drop in to receive homework help from a local high school student. Volunteers will be in the Community Meeting Room on the lower level. Parents can sign in their students and find an available volunteer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

High schoolers looking to volunteer as a Homework Helper, see pg. 5.

Story Stroll

All January

Walk around the Youth Services Dept. while reading *A Blue Bird and Her Little Tree* by Jin Bo and Guangyu Zhao.

Conversation Hearts Estimation Station

All February

How many conversation hearts are in our jar? Each week's best guess wins a prize.

Black History Scavenger Hunt

All February

Search for African American leaders and heroes in February's scavenger hunt.

Challenge Yourself with I Spy Cases

All Winter

Search for objects hidden in scenes made by Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club. Thanks to the families of Lauren Markham (Dec.), Lauren Galant (Jan.), and Liz Ewing (Feb.) for our winter cases!



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Student Art Exhibits

All Winter

We're proud of our talented artists! Come see student artwork from Monroe (Dec.), Madison (Jan.), and Elm (Feb.) Schools.





Don't Miss Maker Club!

Thursdays, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

For Elementary Schoolers

Slime Time

Fridays, Jan. 5 & Feb. 16, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Grades 3+

It's slime time! Join us for an evening of experimenting with slime recipes.

New Year, New Vision Board!

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Grades 5+

Create the vision board of your dreams for the new year!

Friendship Bracelets

Thursday, Jan. 18, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Grades 3+

Bring a friend and create friendship bracelets to wear and share.

Custom Mini Figurines

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Grades 3+

Customize a 3D-printed figurine in your image with paint and other supplies.

Candy Sushi

Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:30–7:15 p.m.
Grades 4+

Create delicious candy sushi while getting a sneak peak of the latest newly-released books.

Barbie and Friends

Thursday, Feb. 22, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Grades K–5

Dress as your favorite Barbie and get ready to party! We'll celebrate our favorite fashionista with crafts, games, snacks, and photo ops.

Take Home Crafts

Grades K–2

- **Pick up Jan. 26: Snowy Owl**
Winter is here! Make a snowy owl out of a cup.
- **Pick up Feb. 2: Unicorn Valentine**
Make a card for someone you love.

Book Box Jr.

Register once to receive boxes on Jan. 12 & Feb. 9
Grades 3–5

Enjoy a pre-selected book from your preferred genre and other fun, bookish treats each month.

Storytimes: Jan. 9–Feb. 15

Itty Bitty Storytime

Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Babies (0–12 mo.) with caregiver

Snuggle, bounce, and bond with your little one as we share rhymes, songs, and stories to foster language development and a love of reading.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Toddlers (18–36 mo.) with caregiver

Join us in an interactive storytime that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, fingerplays, and body movement.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.
Ages 3–5

Join us for stories and songs that will delight your preschooler! Children attend independently while parents and caregivers enjoy the Library.

Music and Movement

Wednesdays, 9:30–10:00 or 10:30–11:00 a.m.
All ages

Get up and groove with this music-filled storytime!

Saturday Storytime and Craft

Saturdays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24, 10:00–10:45 a.m.
All ages

Busy during the week? Stop by our Saturday Storytime as we share stories, songs, and complete a craft!

For Young Children

Toddler Art

Friday, Jan. 19,
9:30–10:15 or 10:45–11:30 a.m.
Toddlers (18–36 mo.) with caregiver

Join us for a mini-storytime and craft!

Baby Meet-Up

Fridays, Jan. 26 & Feb. 23, 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Babies (0–12 mo.)

Bring your baby to the Library for a social meetup! Babies will engage in different types of play and caregivers will have the chance to socialize and complete a craft for their baby.

Toddler Science

Friday, Feb. 16,
9:30–10:15 or 10:45–11:30 a.m.
Toddlers (18–36 mo.) with caregiver

Join us for a mini-storytime and science experiment!

Preschool Picasso

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10:00–10:30 a.m.
Ages 3–5

Preschoolers work with their caregivers to create a masterpiece.



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Here's a sampling of what's to come. Call 630.570.4213 or place your own holds at hinsdalelibrary.info.

January

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Michaelides, Alex
Patterson, James
Reid, Kiley
Robb, JD
Steel, Danielle

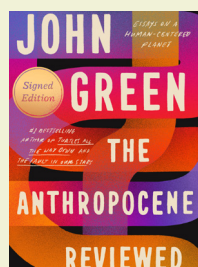
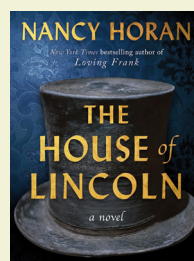
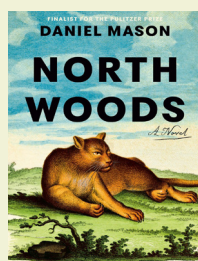
The Heiress
The Fury
Missing Persons
Come and Get It
Random in Death
Upside Down

February

Box, C.J.
Hannah, Kristen
Kellerman, Jonathan
Koontz, Dean
Mallery, Susan
Paris, B.A.

Three Inch Teeth
The Women
Ghost Orchid
Bad Weather Friend
Summer Book Club
The Guest

staff reads



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